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Amendments

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraphs/sections for the pending paragraphs/sections.

- Substitute the first full paragraph on page 2, with the following paragraph:

b¹

According to the invention there is provided an adhesive dispensing arrangement comprising a patch for covering an area to be treated, and provided with an adhesive surface for allowing the patch to stick to the area, a peelable backing covering the adhesive surface, a discrete dispensing container located fully between the adhesive surface and peelable backing, and accommodating a substance to be dispensed over the area to be treated, an applicator arranged between the patch and the dispensing container and a release agent, the dispensing container being positioned to cooperate with the release agent and the release agent being arranged to cause the container to open or rupture on removal of the backing such that the substance is released from the opened or ruptured container onto the applicator which facilitates application of the substance to the area to be treated when the patch is stuck to that area.

- Please delete the second full paragraph on page 2.

- Please substitute the third full paragraph on page 2 with the following paragraph.

b2
Preferably, the applicator includes at least one absorbent pad secured to the patch along at least one marginal adhering zone, with a non-adhering zone of the pad being interposed between the dispensing container and the peelable backing for receiving the substance to be dispensed from the container after it has ruptured.

- Please substitute the fourth full paragraph on page 2 with the following paragraph.

b3
Conveniently, the release agent is adhesively secured to the peelable backing, whereby the release agent is arranged to be simultaneously peeled away with the peelable backing to rupture or breach the container.

- Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 4 with the following paragraph.

b4
Advantageously, the patch and the peelable backing define an outer sealed container within which the dispensing container is housed.

- Please substitute the third full paragraph on page 5, located after the subtitle "Description of Embodiments," with the following paragraph.

b5
The adhesive dispensing arrangement 10 illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 has as its main components a flexible cover strip or patch 12, a dispensing container in the form of a sachet 14, a sachet sealing strip 16, an applicator provided by a pair of parallel gauze flaps 18A and 18B, and a peelable backing strip 20. The cover strip 12 has an inner adhesive surface 22 which is uniformly tacky, apart from non-tacky corner zones defining finger-grippable tags 23. The sachet 14 is adhesively mounted to a central rectangular zone or footprint 24 of the tacky surface 22. Marginal rectangular zones 26A and 26B extend on either side of the central zone 24, and provide adhesive purchase for corresponding outer marginal zones 28A and 28B of the respective gauze flaps 18A and 18B. The inner marginal zones 28C of the gauze flaps do not adhere to the adhesive surface 22, but rather overlie the sachet and its sealing strip, as is clearly shown in Figure 2.

- Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 6 with the following paragraph.

b6
The top side of the central sealing segment 16A, on which the inner marginal zones 28C of the flaps rest, is non-adhering. The entire underside of the peelable backing strip 20 is mildly adhering, to the extent that a continuous outer peripheral seal is provided between the cover strip 12 and the peelable backing strip 20, so that the intermediate sachet 14, sachet sealing strip 16 and gauze strips 18A and 18B are protected against the ingress of dirt and other contaminants, as well as the possible ingress of moisture. Likewise, the outer peripheral seal prevents the egress of the aforementioned sandwiched components or their constituents. It will therefore be understood that the cover strip 12 and the